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SUBJ: REPORTED PROPOSAL FOR MALAYSIAN BASE IN NATUNAS

1. ACCORDING TO ASSOCIATED PRESS HERE, STORY WAS FILED MAY 11 THAT MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA ARE DISCUSSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY PATROL BASE AND RADAR INSTALLATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY GOM ON NATUNA UTARA (GREAT NATUNA). EXACT DETAILS APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT BUT THE IDEA WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A CENTER FOR SURVEILLANCE OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO PREVENT SMUGGLING OF GUNS TO INSURGENT GROUPS. INDONESIA WOULD RETAIN SOVEREIGNTY AND MIGHT JOIN IN EFFORT. PHILIPPINES ALSO MIGHT BE ASKED TO COOPERATE WITH IDEA OF EXTENDING PATROLS TO SPRATLEY'S. EMBOFF WAS TOLD TODAY BY MFA SENIOR OFFICIAL THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A PLAN AND DOUBTED THE MALAYSIANS WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN A MATTER LIKE THIS.

2. ACTION: WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF AP ITEM FROM DEPARTMENT AS IT WAS CENSORED FROM TICKER HERE BY GOM. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANYTHING INFO POSTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THIS RUMOR.

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